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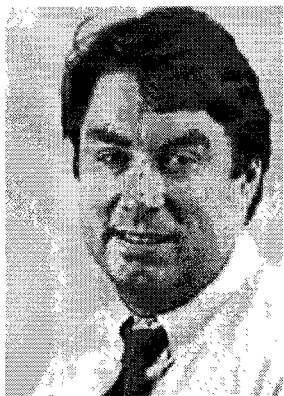
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State spending and 'Goat Hill' politics: A Register investigation



In 2001, Press-Register reporter Eddie Curran began a series of investigative stories focusing on the awarding of state contracts, finding evidence of overspending, apparent sweetheart deals and other irregularities. The stories sparked a joint state and federal investigation that on June 29 resulted in guilty convictions against former Gov. Don Siegelman and ex-HealthSouth Corp. Chairman Richard Scrushy. Two defendants, former Siegelman Chief of Staff Paul Hamrick and former highway director Mack Roberts, were acquitted.

Events and information that became the basis for many of the state's charges, including the existence of a secretive lottery fund and a substantial donation apparently orchestrated by Scrushy, were first reported by Curran. The Investigative Reporters and Editors organization and the Alabama Press Association have honored Curran for his work.

Below are links for Curran's 2001 reports and articles from this year, broken down by subject matter. Curran may be contacted by e-mail at ecurran@press-register.com and by phone at 1-251-219-5636.

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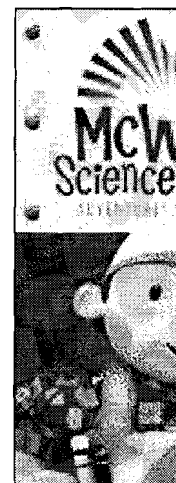
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